Obituaries

P. B. Blankenship

Plunkett Beverly Blankenship, 63, of 111 Saturn St., Lynchburg, died at 11:40 a.m. Sunday at his home. His wife is Dorothy Garbee Blankenship.

Born in Lynchburg, he was a son of the late Lilburn W. Blankenship and Lula Long Blankenship. He was an employee of Flav-o-Rich Dairy. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of Moose Lodge 715.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Eddie B. Blankenship of Concord; a daughter, Miss Amy Lee Blankenship of Lynchburg; a brother, Jehu W. Blankenship of Lynchburg; two sisters, Mrs. Mildred B. Martin and Mrs. Marian Arthur, both of Lynchburg and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Whitten Park Avenue Chapel. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Albert C. Bryant

Albert Curtis Bryant, 56, of Route 3, Lynchburg, died Monday afternoon in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Buckingham County, he was a son of the late Grover Cleveland Bryant and Nannie Burnley Bryant. He was a member of East Brook Baptist Church.

He is survived by four brothers, George A. Bryant, Thomas J. Bryant and Lindy T. Bryant, all of Lynchburg, and John W. Bryant of Rustburg; and four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas of Concord, and Mrs. A. D. Johnson, Mrs. Langhorne Scruggs and Mrs. Wesley Ayers, all of Lynchburg.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Robert E. Mills. Interment was in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

James M. Johnson

James Madison Johnson, formerly of Lynchburg, died Monday, March 17, in Norwalk, Conn.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Daniel and Annie Taylor Johnson. His wife is Mrs. Evelyn Austin Johnson. He was a resident of Norwalk for 13 years. He was a member of Community Baptist Church of New Canaan, Conn., and was a member and vice president of Tomac Golf Club of Stanford, Conn.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Michell Johnson of Norwalk, Conn.; two brothers, Charles Johnson of Montclair, N. J., and Jack Johnson of South Orange, N. J.; three sisters, Mrs. Lillie Johnson of Lynchburg, Mrs. Alice Burke of East Orange, N. J., and Ms. Dorothy Johnson of Montclair, N. J., and a niece, Mrs. Evelyn Flesh man of 512 Federal St., Lynchburg.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at Community Baptist Church, 171 Cherry St., New Canaan, Conn., with the Rev. Don Washington officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Norwalk, Conn.

Nick J. Downer Funeral Home, Norwalk, Conn. was in charge of arrangements.

John R. Pugh, Jr.

John Reginald Pugh, Jr., 55, of 1402 Lord Ashley Drive, Sanford, N.C., died March 24 at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C. His wife is Jean Reid Pugh, formerly of Lynchburg.

Born in Lynchburg, he was a son of Mrs. Pearl Templeton Pugh and the late Col. John R. Pugh of Madison Heights. He was the national sales manager for Taylor-Ramsey Furniture in Sanford, where he was a member of First Presbyterian Church. He was a Master Mason of Marshall Lodge 39 in Lynchburg, and a member of Lynchburg Consitory of Scottish Rite, of Free Masonry, Boonsboro County Club and a Kazim Temple Shriner in Roanoke.

After attending Texas A&M and the University of Virginia, he was employed by Mead Corp. and then Lane Co. of Altavista for 20 years.

In addition to his mother and wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Pugh Herncall and husband, Daniel W. Herncall of Appomattox, Mrs. Deborah Pugh Harris of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. Cynthia Pugh Jackson and husband, Darryl W. Jackson of Charlottesville; two sons, John Reginald Pugh III and wife, Patricia Q. Pugh of Lynchburg, David Timothy Pugh of University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.; six grandchildren, Daniel Wenzil Herncall Jr., John Britain Herncall, Heath Alexander Harris, Hans Alexis Harris, Jean Lorraine Pugh, and Jordan Taylor Pugh; two sisters, Mrs. Henry W. (Doris) Ward of Lexington Ky., and Mrs. Richard P. (Kathryn) Slate of Madison Heights, and a brother, Patrick Shannon Pugh of Madison Heights.

A memorial service will be conducted Thursday, March 27, at 10 a.m. at Euclid Christian Church by the Rev. Joe C. Detamore.

The family requests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Cancer Research Center of Duke University Medical Center.

Bernard E. Richardson

PAMPLIN — Bernard Embra Richardson, 84, died at 8:30 p.m. Friday in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Lizzie Fore and Richard Wiley Richardson. He was a retired welder for the Norfolk & Western Railroad, a World War II Navy veteran and member of the American Legion Post No. 104 of Appomattox. He was a member of the VFW Post in Pamplin. He was a member of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin.

He is survived by two brothers, James L. Richardson of Pamplin and W. Herbert Richardson of Appomattox, and a sister, Mrs. Grace R. Cobb of Pamplin.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday from Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox. Burial was in Pamplin Community Cemetry.

Mrs. John D. St. Clair

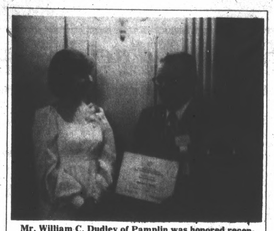
Mrs. Lula Kent Cofer St. Clair, 88, of Route 2, Forest, died Monday morning in Liberty House Nursing Home. She was the wife of the late John David St. Clair.

Born in Bedford County, she was a daughter of the late Jacob Hopkins Cofer and Sallie Wilson Cofer. She was a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church, a real daughter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, a charter member of Eastern Star Chapter, No. 143 in Forest and served as its first Chaplain.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Fred N. (Frances) Gallaher of Forest, Mrs. L. C. (Thelma) Wright of Lynchburg, Mrs. Fleming W. (Stella) Drinkard of Appomattox and Mrs. Layward M. (Helen) Cash of Amherst; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a number of devoted nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Bethany United Methodist Church, Forest, by the Rev. S. D. Pettry. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



Mr. William C. Dudley of Pamplin was honored recently at a banquet held during the Virginia Association Future Homemakers of America Leadership Conference held at Hotel Roanoke March 20 - 22. Mr. Dudley, who is Assistant State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Virginia Department of Education, was made an honorary member of the Virginia Association F.H.A. Pictured awarding Mr. Dudley a certificate of honorary membership is Miss Mary Beth Cahoon, 1979-80 president of Virginia Association F.H.A.

Dinner honors Mr. Cutshall

Shelby Cutshall was honored when employees of The Times Virginian and former owners of the newspaper, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan, former owners of the newspaper entertained with a dinner at Jeanne's Restaurant on Wednesday evening, March 19th.

Mr. Cutshall who has been employed on a part time basis for The Times Virginian is now associated with The Times-Virginian Printing Corporation on a full time basis.

In addition to Mr. Cutshall and Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan, those attending included: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraley, Peggy Romanac, Frances Paulette and Bill Sherrod.

Canaan Baptist news

The pre-Easter service at Canaan Baptist Church will be held Friday, April 4, starting at 8 p.m.

The Statham Singers from Baltimore, Md., will be in concert at the church Saturday, April 5, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The regular preaching service will be held the second Sunday of April starting at 11:30 a.m. Pastor, the Rev. C. L. Elliott will be in charge. The senior choir will furnish music.

The men's club will sponsor a program at 7 p.m. April 27. The Rev. James Miller will be guest for the occasion. Mr. Lacy Webb will be in charge of the service. All friends and co-workers are invited to participate in these services.

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County residents plan campaign

By BILL SHERROD

Citizens in Appomattox took steps Monday night toward coming to grips with a problem which some officials estimate costs the state as much as $25 million annually.

That problem — litter — was the focal point of a planning session at the Memorial United Methodist Church involving community leaders from government, church, school and civic organizations.

John V. Jackson, deputy commissioner of the Virginia Division of Litter control, outlined the "Virginia Plan," a method of dealing with the litter problem, which was adopted for use here in a county-wide anti-litter campaign.

Committees were formed to manage each phase of the anti-litter plan, which will encompass the towns of Appomattox, Pamplin, and all unincorporated areas of Appomattox County.

Four phases of the plan — planning and organization, communications, education, and cleanup — will be put into effect now. The fifth phase, law enforcement, has been put in a temporary holding pattern. As Jackson noted, law enforcement is a "bandaid treatment" for a community's litter problems, and is generally used as a last resort. Law enforcement would involve establishing ordinances specifying punitive measures for litter law violators in the county.

Jackson noted that the sources most people consider responsible for litter — pedestrians and motorists — account for only about 50 percent of the total litter problem. He cited household and business put-outs, construction sites, loading and unloading sites at businesses and industries, and uncovered trucks as the sources responsible for the other half of the litter problem.

"One of the most important goals is to convince people that (eliminating the litter problem) is important," Jackson said. "And make no mistake about it, almost everybody is involved in littering at one time or another."

Jackson noted that the litter control act was passed by the General Assembly in 1976, but the board of the Division of Litter Control has been in operation only about two years.

"It's not a vast bureaucracy," Jackson added. "There are only five people in the whole division."

But, he added, anti-litter programs initiated in other communities in Virginia are apparently working.

In Bedford City, he said, an anti-litter campaign was initiated in 1978. "The first year, there was literally a mountain of trash after the clean-up effort," Jackson noted. "But the second year, when they covered a large area on cleanup and had more people working on it, they could have fit what they collected in two pickup trucks...apparently people were starting to think in terms of dealing with the problem, litterers, not the sympton, litter."

Jackson stressed that it is important to make any anti-litter campaign "a continuing effort."

"It will take time; you may not be able to halt the litter problem in Appomattox County in a year," he said.

Franklin Vaughan, representing the county Board of Supervisors and elected spokesman for the management and planning committee, suggested that proclamations be prepared by the county and the two towns citing the importance of the anti-litter campaign.

He noted that facts regarding the expense of cleaning up litter should be presented to the local governing bodies, as well. Other suggestions coming out of his committee included establishing a site for placement of litter, encouraging businesses to participate in the campaign, and establishing an awards and recognition program for the end of the campaign.

Bill Britton, representing the town of Appomattox and the county and elected spokesman for the communications committee, suggested that the campaign be personalized, and that the mass media be used to aid in executing the effort.

Britton also suggested establishment of a speaker program for the local organizations, as well as establishment of a poster contest for children.

Shirley Eye, a school teacher elected chairman of the education committee, outlined a short-term and long-term plan for disseminating information to school children, as well as ways to get the students in Appomattox involved in the actual cleanup.

Bill Caldwell, head of the cleanup committee, outlined ways to divide the county and towns into sectors which can be assigned to groups willing to work on picking up existing litter.

The period chosen for the campaign is May 18 through May 25.

The chairman of the various committes will meet before then to coordinate their efforts in organizing and executing the campaign.

Further details will be published in upcoming issues of the **Times-Virginian.**

MRS. CHARLES T. MOSES talks with John V. Jackson, of the State Division of Litter Control, following Monday's strategy session for the county anti-litter campaign. Representatives of church, government and civic organizations pledged their support for the campaign.

Coleman to speak here

Marshall Coleman, state's attorney general and a prime candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination next year, will speak at the Appomattox Lions Club meeting Thursday night.

Coleman is scheduled to arrive in Lynchburg at 6:30 p.m. and arrive in town around 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the ACHS cafeteria.

The Lions meeting Thursday night is the annual spring Ladies' Night. Coleman will speak after dinner.

Coleman, born in Staunton, Va., holds undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1969, including 13 months in Vietnam.

He has served on the board of directors of the Staunton-Augusta Chamber of Commerce, and was named by the Jaycees as one of Virginia's five outstanding young men in 1975.

He served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1972 to 1975, and as a member of the Virginia Senate from 1975 to 1977.

He was elected Attorney General in 1977.

Among Coleman's activities since assuming duties as attorney general have been work on speeding licensing procedures for the North Anna nuclear power plant following the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's licensing moratorium, establishing guidelines for punishing nuclear power plant saboteurs, and altering school discipline regulations to afford teachers more levity in dealing with student discipline problems.

Coleman has also worked on refining methods of prosecuting government misconduct.

He has also championed the cause of states asserting their rights in the face of the federal government.

From ACHS

Students named to state school

Two Appomattox High School students are among 421 students in Virginia selected to attend the 1980 Governor's School for the Gifted, it was announced last week.

Philip Darrell Jacobs and John Frederick Jimison received word last week from the State Department of Education of the honor.

Philip, son of Mr. William H. Jacobs of Route 2, Appomattox, is a junior following a college preparatory program of studies.

His extra-curricular activities include the National Honor Society, the Science Club; the 4-H Teen Leader Club, the Latin Club, for which he serves as Parliamentarian; the Yearbook Staff, for which he is business manager; and the Drama Club, for which he serves as lighting technician.

Because of Philip's interest in engineering and electronics he was a partiepant this year in a program sponsored by the American Institute of Industrial Engineers, Inc., in which he was able to "shadow" an engineer at Meridith-Burda, Inc.

He has been recognized and commended for award-winning research projects at the local science fair and the regional science fair.

He has applied for the Air Force Academy's summer scientific seminar in Colorado this summer, and Philip's schedule will include a math course at C.V.C.C. next year.

He will be attending the Governor's School for the gifted at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg.

John Frederick Jimison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don F. Jimison of Route 3, Appomattox, is completing his junior year at ACHS.

In addition to strenuous college preparatory program of studies, John is very involved with the yearbook staff, of which he has been a member since the ninth grade. Last year he served as business manager for the yearbook and presently is co-editor of the **Traveler.**

John is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Science Club and the Latin Club, for which he serves as reporter. His hobbies include playing the organ and piano.

He will be attending the Governor's School for the Gifted at Mary Baldwin College, in Staunton.

The students were selected from 638 candidates across the state nominated by school superintendents and principals of private institutions. Selections were made by a 19-member committee appointed by the State Board of Education.

The committee included several former Governor's School participants, a parent, teachers, school administrators, and Department of Education personnel.

Bloodmobile visits April 8

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Appomattox on Tuesday, April 8, from noon until 6 p.m. It will set up at Liberty Baptist Church.

The quota for Appomattox County for this visit will be 100 units of blood.

Make plans now to come out and donate a unit of your 'life saving blood'.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

We have no Ayatollah on Martha Street to give us advise and counsel as to swinging the light green, amber or red, but intuition tells me that some lawn-mowing had to be done this week.

An early Easter this year caught me unprepared. Same for Spring Cleaning. Brought in my first tulip Saturday, a nice Red Emperor. And three hyacinths. Will try to set up a game plan for lawnmowing so as to sashshay among the flowers accentuating the positive and discouraging wild onions and such. Best way I ever found to get shed of unwanted honeysuckle was to pour gasoline on it. But not this year. Saturday I used a pruning knife. Ah yes, I have no forsythia this year, but all over town I see its glory. The famous cherry trees in Washington did not bloom for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival but they had the parades and princesses anyway. Spring marches on.

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The tenth annual Civil War Bus Tour from Petersburg to Appomattox is scheduled for April 12. There will be two chartered buses, following the line of Lee's Retreat. There will be a stop at Saylor's Creek near Farmville, lunch at John Mosby Inn at Appomattox and a visit to the National Park Service facilities at Old Appomattox Court House. This is but another example of the importance of the National Park Service facility here. Many years ago, it was planned to construct a huge monument at Appomattox, the site of the Terminaiton of The War Between the States, 1861-1865. However, objections caused the project to be abandoned and eventually we got the present set-up.

Thanks to my friend, Mrs. Annie Laurie Sears, for lending me two valuable books . . . "Across the Years" by Virginius Dabney, and "Below the James Lies Dixie" by Parke Rouse Jr. The first is an autobiography by a brilliant editor. Was pleased on page 353 to find mention of a college classmate of mine, the late Jud Evans, star writer for the Richmond newspapers and the New York **Herald-Tribune.** The second book is a treatise on Southside Virginia.

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Kentucky Derby time approaches and always I marvel at the names given race horses. Among those mentioned this year are Plugged Nickle and Naked Sky. I never saw Man o' War race but I saw this great winner at pasture up in Jersey.

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Hope you filled out and returned your Census questionaire on time. Was not so bad, even the long form. Could have asked lots of tougher questions such as: who is boss in your house, does your dog have fleas, do you save trade stamps, can you carry a tune, your favorite sport, how many Christmas cards did you send, did you write your congressman last year? The Census is very important. Results will not be announced for some months yet, but hope the figures will prove that "Appomattox Is A Growing Town."

New telephone directories are out. I always check on whose name is first alphabetically and who is last. This time is is "Aaagaard to Zopp." Once again you can call **The Times-Virginian** at 352-8215.

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In fun: A mother told her little girl not to ask so many questions. "Don't you know that curiosity killed the cat?" The little girl replied, "What did the cat want to know?"

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Thanks for reading. Seeya.

PERCY KIDD (RIGHT) is shown with four of his prize possessions: the car, a 1965 Mustang, recently won first place at the Third Annual Rod and Custom Show in Farmville in the convertible class. Shown with their father are Percy's sons, Brandon, Brad and Darin (from left). Darin will take over the automobile when he gets old enough, according to Percy. Kidd was one of three local auto enthusiasts to win trophies in the competition. Doug Belter and J. W. Lewis were also cited for their automotive - renovating skills (Photo by Bill Sherrod).